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Mansfield, Dec 12th 1842

Mrs Maria W Chapman -

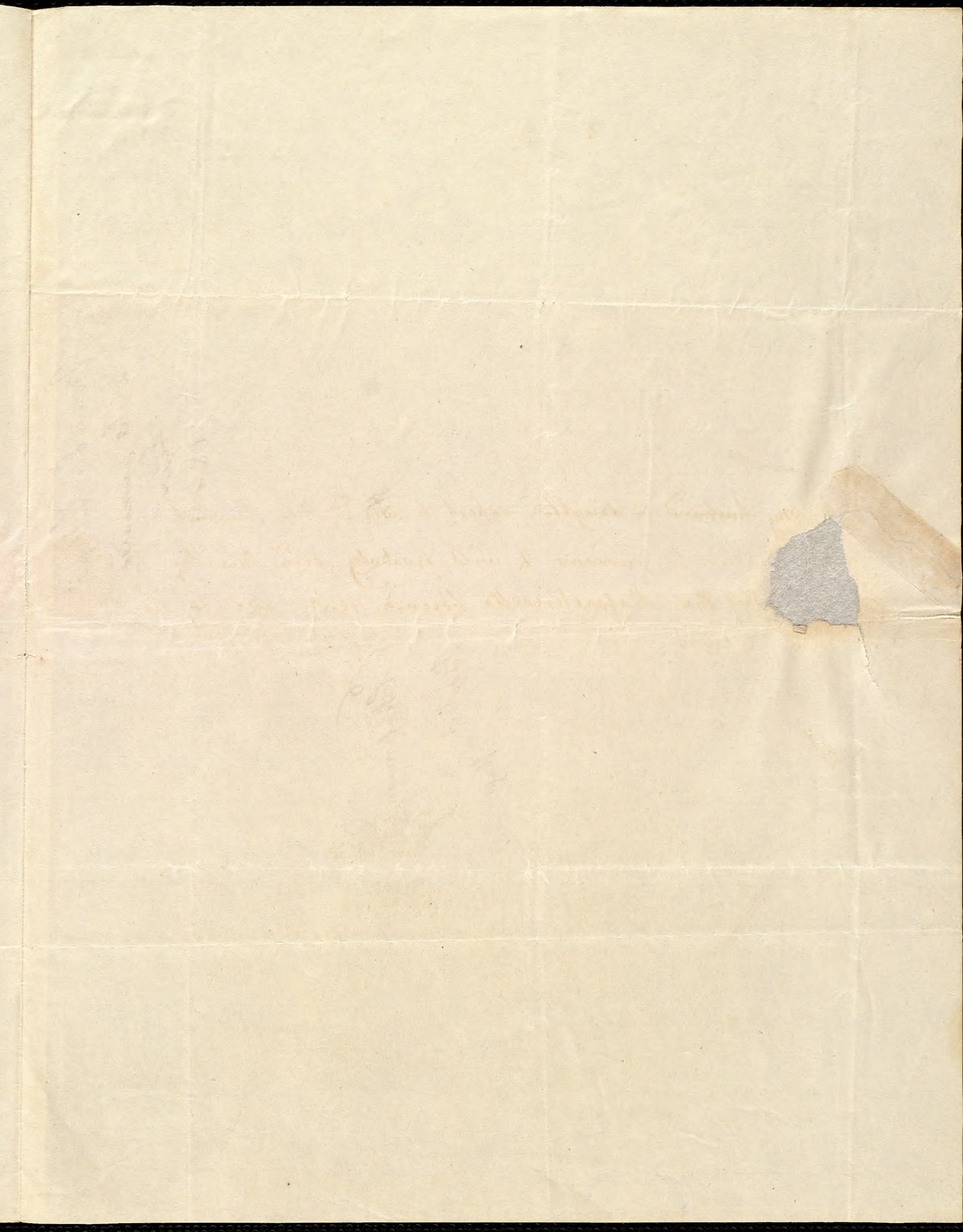
We send you enclosed a few small articles for the Massachusetts Antislavery fair. It is but a trifle compared with what might be done in this place were the Ladies of Mansfield to remember our Saviour's injunction. Love thy neighbor as thyself. We had anticipated much pleasure in preparing for the fair and accordingly called on the Ladies that professed to be Abolitionists and tried to enlist their feelings in the cause so that we might have a large box to send you but it has proved almost a perfect failure - Some preferred to give to the Connecticut fair, others did not know about the propriety of Ladies being associated with men in such a cause & others were frightened at the cry of Garrison, Women's rights, and Non resistance, no Government, & so on. But it is all for the best that we have been disappointed had we succeeded as we wished, we might have forgotten the hand that had blessed us and ascribed the praise to ourselves. We sincerely hope that you may have a pleasant & profitable fair on Christmas week so that you may feel that your labours have not been in vain - You feel deeply the loss of a Dear Husband & Friend but We doubt not you can say your Heavenly Father doeth all things right. we can sympathize with you in your afflictions having been frequently called to part with those that were very dear to us. we have often thought of you & wished we might have an acquaintance with you but probably never shall. If you should have a leisure moment we should be very happy to receive a letter from you

Mrs Mary L Phillips
your true friends
Caroline L Phillips

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my husband & daughter expect to attend the Convention
at Hapton to morrow & will probably send this by
some of the Massachusetts friends that are expected
to present

—yours M.L.P.



Mary L. Phillips
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